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For three decades, it has been one of professional football's legendary rivalries – the Chargers versus the Raiders.

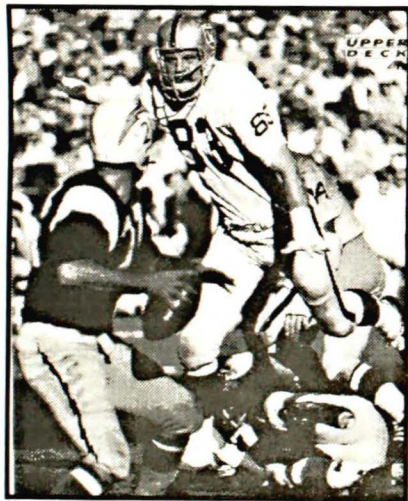
Whether the two teams played their home games in Oakland, San Diego, Los Angeles or even San Francisco's Candlestick Park, the intensity has peaked with players and coaches on the field, loud, often obnoxious and always colorful fans, and plenty of hype in the press.

With roots in the upstart American Football League, the renegade Raiders have dominated the series which started in 1961, but the Chargers have turned into road warriors who have dampened the Silver and Black's fans with six road wins in the past seven seasons at both the Los Angeles and Oakland coliseums.

This year's first game was a stunner for Oakland. The Chargers held back quarterback Jeff George and his high-ranked Raider offense while San Diego running back Gary Brown bolted for more than 100 yards to bury the Silver and Black, 25-10, in front of the team's frenzied fans.

The two teams faced each other again on Nov. 16, when the Raiders more than returned the favor by dumping the Chargers' all over the gridiron of San Diego's Qualcomm Stadium, by a 38-13 score.

Despite those decisive victory, both



El Cajon businessman Ben Davidson wore number 83 when he played with the Raiders. Photo courtesy The Upper Deck Company

the Chargers and the Raiders have spent most of the season in the cellar of the American Football Conference (AFC) West, side-by-side.

Recently, we interviewed three legends from those old teams, San Diego Chargers halfback Paul Lowe, NFL Hall-of-Famer David "Deacon" Jones and former Raiders' All-Pro defensive lineman Ben Davidson.

All were superstars in the 1960s when the Chargers dominated the series, and Jones and Davidson were around for the wars in the 1970s, before the momentum swung in Oakland's direction in the 1980s.

They all played before the infamous Holy Roller game in 1978 (where Raider Dave Casper got away with kicking a ball into the end zone for a touchdown), but said that the rivalry was built long before then, and to a

Chargers vs. the Raiders ...

Forever!

by Mark Morgan-Hallburn



Al Davis (left) quit coaching the Chargers with Sid Gilman (right) to guide the then-Oakland Raiders. The teams have acted like siblings ever since.

Photos of Pro Football Hall of Fame exhibits by Mark Morgan-Hallburn



man, they remembered a rivalry stronger than it is today.

So how did it start? All three legends looked past the cities and the hype and said it started between two legendary AFL coaches, Sid Gilman of the Chargers and the Raiders Al Davis.

"I think it still carries on," said Lowe. "But its not as intense as it used to be, when we were playing."

Lowe said it became intense when Chargers assistant coach Al Davis broke off with Gilman to accept the Raiders head coaching position. Davis felt that Gilman didn't want his old assistant to come back and beat him.

Davis probably also felt he wanted to show Gilman that he was a mature coach who could beat his old team.

"Davis instilled in the Raiders, 'Don't let the Chargers beat you,' and Gilman instilled in us, 'Don't let the Raiders beat the Chargers.'"

Davidson, now an El Cajon business owner and East County resident, took the field for the Silver and Black during that era.

He played for Davis his first two years and watched him try to prove that the team's general partners had made the proper decision in naming him head coach.

Davis left after that to become the commissioner of the AFL. He returned as an owner, without that personal, day-to-day input he has as coach.

Davidson chuckled at the often-raised suggestion that Davis is legendary for meddling with the Raiders coaches in their play-calling from his owner's box.

"Here's the way I always figured it, and it's pretty logical," said Davidson. "John Madden came in. He was 33 years old when he took over as head coach. In fact, we had one player older than him, (kicker-quarterback) George Blanda. Madden probably looked to Al for a certain amount of guidance."

Davidson added that since things

were going fine, with Madden winning over 100 games as the coach, he assumed that as Madden became more and more successful, Davis started spending more time scouting and signing players and less time bothering the coaches.

Despite the intensity on the field and in the stands, Lowe remembered the players being friendly away from the gridiron. "We didn't hate each other," he said. "We just played hard."

He said that after a Raider home game, he would go out with Oakland defensive back Willie Brown or go out for a drink with Fred Williams or Brown when they came to San Diego.

"We really got along well," Lowe said, adding that during the off-season, we would visit each other. He noted that the press, however, made quite a bit of the rivalry.

Davidson remembered his days in the AFL and the NFL well, especially playing in warm San Diego. He said it was actually a lot fun as San Diego was really kind of a pleasure game for the team because the weather was always good. The turf was great at Jack Murphy Stadium, except for the pre-season games on the skinned infield.

"Fortunately, we won 85 - 90 percent of the games against the Chargers back through my era," he said.

Despite all that, Davidson's fondest game memory was playing in the Super Bowl against Vince Lombardi's legendary Green Bay team in Super Bowl II, 30 years ago in January. "It was probably the highlight of my career, reaching the Super Bowl," he said.

For Davidson, pro football was a bit of escape from reality. He described it as a bunch of overgrown kids who deferred deciding what they wanted to do for a few years, which is the advantage of playing pro sports.

"In my case, I was lucky, as I still don't know what I want to be. I still

haven't had to make that decision," he said.

He added that he thought he would like to be a policeman, but never got around to it.

It might have helped the crime rate in Los Angeles at that.

Imagine a street thug with Davidson in pursuit, handlebar mustache and all. It could make someone think twice about

breaking the law.

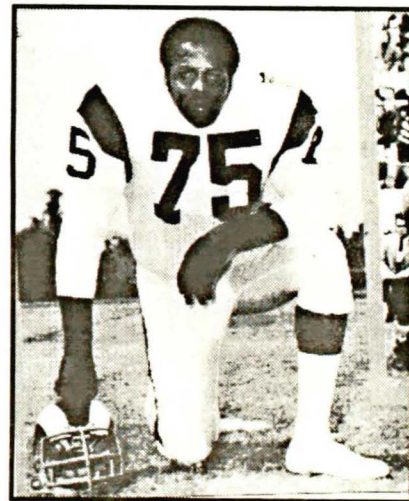
There are a few NFL quarterbacks and running backs that may have wished he had chosen law enforcement. For more than a decade, Davidson and Jones were two of professional football's hardest hitters.

Alongside Merlin Olsen, Lamar Lundy and Rosey Greer, Jones was part of the Ram's legendary Fearsome Foursome.

For Jones, who finished his stellar career with two full seasons with the Chargers (he then played a partial season with the Redskins), the Raiders games reached a higher level of hitting.

"It was just intense football," he remembered, and that it was very difficult, tough, hard-nosed football. "But the other two had it longer than I did," he said. "We just didn't like other on the field. It had nothing to do with personalities."

Jones, who played his way into the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, said that nobody hated each other per-



David 'Deacon' Jones

sonally, but when you put on that uniform, you became football players; that is when the hate come up.

Lowe commented that Davidson's legendary toughness was no myth. "Ben was really that tough, that he would come after you, and he was one of the biggest guys you'd ever see," he said. "He was constantly talking around him. You really had to be on your game."

All the players laughed when asked that when a Chargers-Raiders game was coming, did the players ever have the urge to go out and hit someone.

"On no, not now," commented Lowe, "We're too old. I get in front of the TV and hope they put on a good show."

Davidson doesn't even go to the games. He commented that they really do a great job with television, covering all the angles with all the cameras and that he enjoys watching the games at home.

Lemon Grove homecoming successful for Raider Russell

by Greg Eichelberger

By all accounts, Darrell Russell's homecoming last week was a complete success. Unfortunately, it left a sour taste in the mouths of many San Diego Charger fans.

That's because Russell, a native of Lemon Grove, came back to town wearing a silver, white and black Oakland Raiders' uniform, and was a big part of his team's 38-13 trouncing of the Bolts before over 65,000 stunned onlookers.

The setback, which was the Chargers' third straight, ruined any chance for a post-season appearance for the second consecutive campaign.

It also gives the Bay Area bunch a split of the season series (the Chargers had won, 25-10, on Oct. 5) and a 46-29-2 advantage in overall head-to-head competition.

If there's any consolation to fans of the blue and gold, the Raiders, at 4-7, aren't likely to be in the playoffs, themselves. But, that didn't matter to Russell.

"It felt great, coming home to win in front of my people," said the 250-pound defensive tackle immediately after the Nov. 16 game, which was seen on ESPN before a nationwide audience. "Our defense played hard and it was a big win after so many losses this year."

A first-round draft choice in 1997 for Oakland, Russell developed his playing skill while toiling for coach Joe Medina and the St. Augustine Saints from 1990 to 1994. Founded in 1922, and located in North Park, it is the nearest Catholic high school to the boundaries of the East County.

He also attended St. Rita's parochial Elementary School in San Diego. After his prep years, he spent two seasons at the University of Southern California under coach John Robinson, before inking a multi-million dollar deal last March to play for Al Davis and the hated Raiders. At first, it wasn't decided where he would play, or what kind of impact he would make on the squad. His head coach, Joe Bugel wasn't sure, either.

"He was a backup inside tackle," said the former Arizona Cardinals' skipper and ex-offensive line coach of the three-time Super Bowl champion Washington Redskins. "But when we lost Lance Johnstone, we needed to get him in one position (left defensive end) and let him grow there. We had Chester McGlockton and Russell Maryland on the inside and Anthony Smith on the right and we needed a fourth man. Right now, Darrell is our fourth man."

He went on to say that even though defensive end/tackle is tough to learn, he detected that Russell was doing a great job as evidenced by his performance against New Orleans and his game against San Diego.

"He played two very good football games for us, but he's still growing into the position," said Bugel.

Russell joins Valhalla's Brad Daluiso (kicker, New York Giants), Mount Miguel's Robert Griffith (strong safety, Minnesota Vikings) and Granite Hills' Tommy Vardell (fullback, Detroit Lions) as East County products currently playing in the National Football League. Only Russell, Vardell and QB Mark Malone (of El Cajon Valley), however, were first-round draft choices.

"He is something special," said Vardell of Russell. "He's big and fast and is learning a lot for a rookie. He'll go a long way." The Lions' fullback has come a long way himself, and credits his involvement with the El Cajon Pop Warner association as much as his prep school experience, as developing his talents. He also claimed that his days playing for that youth league make for some pretty interesting conversations.

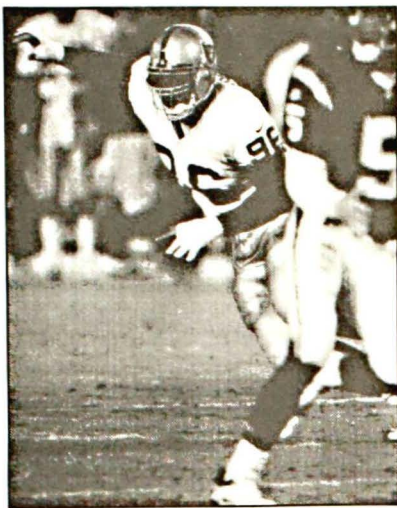
"It sounds funny, but when San Diego guys in the NFL get together, they'll talk about Pop Warner in the same way other guys will discuss what colleges they came from."

Against the Bolts, Russell made two unassisted tackles, was a key man in forcing quarterback Craig Whelihan to fumble three times and aided in a blocked field goal. And, while Oakland's defense was shutting down every aspect of the Chargers' game plan, the Raiders' offense, led by RB Harvey Williams (four TDs - two rushing, two receiving) took over completely.

"This is about as bad as it has gotten, that's for sure," said coach Kevin Gilbride. "I just hope it can't get any lower than this."

In the Oakland locker room, things were a bit cheerier. Running back Napoleon Kaufman said that the defense really took a lot of pressure off him and the offense. Others, including quarterback Jeff George, also gave kudos to the "D."

This was one of my best games ever," said Russell. "God was shining his light on me. It's nice to come home and perform like this." When asked if he was going to pass on a little good luck to his Saints and their quest for a CIF championship (they lost in the final game to Mission Bay, 12-10 last year), Russell said that with a 9-1 record and a number one seed, they didn't need any, adding, "They're doing' all right by themselves."



Oakland Raider Darrell Russell draws a bead on Chargers QB Craig Whelihan during last week's game.

Photo by Shawn Cullen

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B Words

by Bob Burns

Leave it to the man upstairs

To Joe Stern, ["I want to die with dignity," Nov. 13 issue] there is but one comment I would make. That is "God giveth and God taketh away." His recent letter to the editor was a pitiful example of what society has become in the hedonistic and selfish attitude that prevails. He pleads "Why" does government, church, society and other entities, deny him the right to take his own life. The facts are that God is the one who basically contends that what He gives must not be eliminated by other than Himself. The ultra liberal concepts of MEism, and the idea that "rights" are something that justifies anything one might feel inclined to do, is wrong. With all compassion for Stern and his medical problems, it is permission and justification for his suicide that he pleads for. Certainly the infamous Dr. Death has shown that such acts are, if not strictly legal, easily obtained without little fear of punishment, in this life at least.

We read and see and hear about violence and horrendous acts of cruelty visited upon our species, every day. We are appalled at how mans inhumanity to man has escalated to unbelievable heights. From a Nanny to an Oklahoma bomber we see the gamut run. From a Charles Manson to deranged mothers killing their own children, we observe in horror. I would ask, "why" of Mr. Stern and others who seem to follow his lead? But I am convinced that I know why, and would offer this for thought.

The reason is that the respect for life has been denigrated is the freely accepted abortion for any whim whatsoever. The realization that a person can destroy (kill) a part of their own flesh and blood for the purpose of convenience, or any excuse, is to understand that attitude toward human life. If this can be done, without compunction or regret, then why not anything at all? What is so different about drowning, or shooting, or scalding to death. Why should we make a fuss about any of the horrible acts that are perpetrated upon each other, when it is a legal right to kill the innocent unborn without shame or conviction that it is wrong?

Euthanasia of the terminally ill, the deformed, and the misguided mind that believes it is the only alternative, is a natural progression of the "killing is merciful and just" concept that is sweeping the world today. Ultra liberal mesmerization that the State knows best and that we cannot survive without its mandates, has taken over. The alternative rationalization of "saving the Whales," or the Spotted Owls, has supplanted the conscience of mankind. The tree huggers are storming the abortion clinics for their services, and killing the Mozarts, the Einsteins, and the Mother Theresa's of coming generations.

To Joe Stern, I would say, be thankful for the full life that you have had, by Gods will. Appreciate what you have enjoyed and achieved, and let Him decide when your time has come to go. If you truly want real dignity, then let Him beckon, and not some opportunist dealer in death, like Jack Kervorkian, be your guide.

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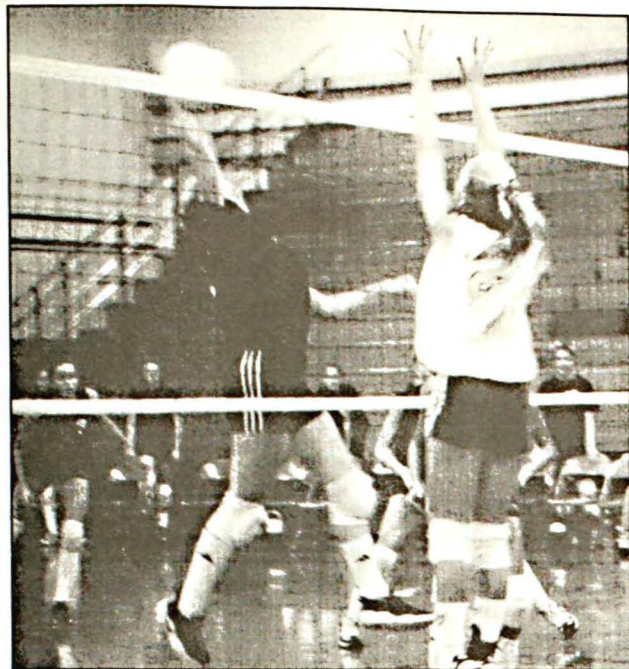
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Emphasizing a point



Rebecca Raymond (9), Grossmont blocker, gets point off attempted spike by Nicole Misiraca of West Hills (black uniform) during CIF Div. II semifinal volleyball match at Mira Mesa High School on Thursday. Unfortunately, the Hillers were no match for the top seeded Wolf Pack, who advanced to the finals to meet third-seeded Helix. The all-Grossmont League final on Saturday, was taken by West Hills in five sets.

Photo by Marv Rosen

Sports Beat

with Greg Eichelberger



Hello again, and no sense beating around the bush, it was Black Friday for all but one East County squad in the first round of the CIF play-offs, so, in an effort to get the bad news over with as quickly as possible, I'll begin there.

Heavily-favored Helix High (7-4) lost to 5-6 Ramona at Ramona (why the Bulldogs were allowed to host the game is anyone's guess), 43-40, thanks to shoddy defensive work by the Highlanders. Helix did have two players (**Jason Claytor** and **Ron Lidrazzah**) rush for well over 100 yards, but that wasn't enough to overcome the "mighty" Ramona team, on this night, at least.

Another upset occurred when Hilltop (6-5) edged Monte Vista (4-7), 9-7. How a 6-5 team winning over a 7-4 squad could be considered an "upset" is beyond me, but the Lancers did lose at home and with only a few minutes left on the clock. Hilltop must now prepare to meet **Lon Sheriff** and the West Hills Wolf Pack in Santee on Friday.

While that was going on, the Mount Miguel boys were being decimated by Mira Mesa on the road, 41-14 (the same score by which the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1979 Super Bowl). The Matadors, who, at 4-7, should never have even been in the play-offs, took a brief 7-6 lead over the Marauders (7-4) when linebacker **Raymond Wells** intercepted a J.R. Tolver pass and returned it 20 yards for the score. After that, however, it was all Mira Mesa, who forced four Matadors turnovers.

Next it was the Santana Sultans who felt the sword of humiliation as administered by the University of San Diego High School, 42-15. Even quarterback **D.J. Busch's** 165 yards could not offset over 370 yards rushing by the Don's (220 of those by Justin Green).

Finally it was Christian, another team that, at 4-6-1, did not deserve a post-season berth, losing to 7-4 Mountain Empire, 27-13. The Redskins, which, in reality, are as East County as you can get, sacked Patriot QB **Brandon Martinovic** five times and led 20-0 before Christian began a belated, yet futile, comeback.

And, as if those losses weren't bad enough, the only victory notched by a local group wasn't even contested on the field, as Granite Hills advanced to meet Orange Glen, benefitting from a Mount Carmel forfeit (they had used an ineligible player for eight games).

The other game of area interest will pit the El Cajon Valley Braves against Crawford on Friday evening at Valley Stadium.

It was a bad night all around, as even the San Diego Gulls, almost invincible at home, dropped a 5-4 decision to the expansion Idaho Steelheads, the only team the Gulls have yet to defeat this season. "We made a lot of stupid penalties, and that hurt us," said Stephan St. Amour, who just returned from the injured reserve list. "When it was five-on-five, we dominated them, but when they had the man advantage, which they did most of the night, they scored."

On a happier note, both the SDSU and Grossmont College men's basketball teams notched victories, the Aztecs over San Jose State, 81-41, and the Griffins knocking off Barstow College, 82-53.

Now that the expansion draft is over, I was sad to hear that the Padres traded catcher John Flaherty to Tampa Bay. John was one of the nicer guys on the team and always took time out to chat with me. Once, he even spent several minutes speaking to my son, Matthew, who was visiting the dugout. I appreciated that.

That's all for this week, but a simple call to 390-7103 (or an E-mail message sent to ikeforum@juno.com) could put you or your organization right here in this column. Think about it, but don't wait too long. Until then, have a great sports week.

Rinking and driving mix for Slater

by Joe Naiman

Cari Slater, the Special Events Coordinator for the San Diego Gulls, got involved in hockey through her auto racing heritage.

After taking advantage of her marketing position to attract crossover interest for the two sports, she's now involved with both the two-time defending Taylor Cup hockey champions and the 1997 Street Stocks champion.

"I definitely have a strong passion for both sports," she said. This is Slater's second season with the Gulls, for whom she serves as an advertising account executive. Slater had previously served as the team administrator of roller hockey's San Diego Barracudas.

Slater's grandfather, father, uncle and mother all raced at local tracks. Her father, Jim Cartright, is a past Super Stocks champion at the late South Bay Speedway, and her mother was once on the board of the El Cajon Stock Car Racing Association.

Cari's first job was at the Cajon Speedway's concession stand. She grew up wanting to be a racecar driver, but that dream died when her parents separated.

Slater attended Parkway Middle School and Monte Vista High School before moving to Alpine and starting her own business. Slater was a licensed color analyst and makeup artist, and her enterprise, Expressions in Color, was also a full boutique.

Two years later, Slater traded in her business for study at the DeLoux School of Cosmetology, after which she became a cosmetologist and hair stylist.

"Then, I just had this wild idea, that I was going to sell cars at El Cajon Ford," said Slater, whose father was once a mechanic at El Cajon Ford and other local car agencies.

It was at El Cajon Ford where she met her husband, Kevin, who was a closer. After Cari and Kevin were married, she went into property management.

"It wasn't a good idea to have two people in the family in the car business," she said.

She spent three years as the assistant manager of the Conrad Villas apartment complex in Spring Valley, before becoming the resident manager there in 1993. The property was owned by former hockey players Joe Noris and Ken Linesman.

In 1993, Noris, the managing partner of the Conrad Villas, became involved in the San Diego Barracudas of Roller Hockey International. Two years later, Noris offered her a position as a Barracuda cheerleader.

She was reluctant to run around in a skimpy outfit, but decided that there would be some enjoyment in being a Cuda Girl. "I thought it would

be a great way to get away from the home," she commented.

In October 1995, the Slaters closed escrow on a half-acre property in Spring Valley. She could no longer be the resident manager, so Noris arranged for her to become the Barracudas' team administrator and director of marketing.

During the 1995-96 Gulls season, she had a table promoting the Barracudas' upcoming season, and has never missed a Gulls home game in the team's three-year West Coast Hockey League history.

"I can't imagine not being in hockey now," she said. Then, her roller hockey position got her involved once again in the auto racing world.

Cajon Speedway Street Stocks driver Eric Ferguson took to the Gulls and met Slater early in 1996. He soon learned that their fathers had raced against each other and that Ferguson's former brother-in-law was once on Jim Cartright's crew.

Slater arranged for the Barracudas to be a sponsor of Ferguson's car, and when she went from the Barracudas to the Gulls, Ferguson obtained sponsorship of the ice hockey team. Her association with Ferguson resumed her life in auto racing. "Racing has always been in my blood, and been part of my life," she noted.

Slater would like to put her Barracudas experience behind her, although the fact that the former team still owes her money makes that unlikely and she still thinks highly of Noris.



Cari Slater

But, she has more positive feelings about the Gulls' management, stating that she has no intentions of leaving.

Slater's two daughters, Briel and Lexie, are now 12 and 4, respectively. Briel, a seventh-grader at Spring Valley Middle School, is involved in the Lemon Grove-Spring Valley Bobby Sox, which has put Slater on the financial committee of that organization.

She also does media relations for the Peter Pan Junior Theater, for which Briel will be in "Lil Abner" in January. Lexie, is in kindergarten and currently in dance class.

Ferguson, who finished second in the Street Stocks season standings for three consecutive years, finally won the class championship in 1997.

Next year he'll move up to the Sportsman division, and Slater has accepted a proposal, made at a hockey game, to help out with marketing.

Even better than being involved in both hockey and auto racing is being involved with champions in both sports.

"It's a good feeling. A real good feeling. Hopefully, Eric can do it again. I know the Gulls can," she said.



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(as available)

Wednesday, 11/26 - MEN'S BASKETBALL: Grossmont at Golden West.

Friday, 11/29 - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Grossmont vs. Moorpark.
MEN'S BASKETBALL: Grossmont at Mount San Jacinto.

